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SUBJECT: DENKTASH AND CAGLAYANGIL COMMENT ON VIENNA TALKS

1. TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER RAUF DENKTASH, FOLLOWING THE VIENNA TALKS ON CYPRUS APRIL 28 - MAY 3, VISITED ANKARA AND HAD SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH PRIMIN DEMIREL AND THE THREE DEPUTY PRIMINS AND WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL ON MAY 5. HE WAS TO MEET WITH THE "CYPRUS COORDINATING COMMITTEE" AND REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY CHAIRMAN ECEVIT ON MAY 6. THE FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF DENKTASH'S STATEMENTS TO THE PRESS CONCERNING THE VIENNA TALKS:

A. ON ARRIVAL MAY 4, DENKTASH SAID THAT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS' APPROACH WAS NOT YET REALISTIC AS THEY HAD NOT SAVED THEMSELVES FROM THE 80 PERCENT - 20 PERCENT "FALLACY."

B. FOLLOWING HIS MEETING WITH CAGLAYANGIL, HE SAID THAT
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THE SUBCOMMITTEES ON THE DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE CENTRAL AND

FEDERATED ADMINISTRATIONS WOULD TRY TO WORK OUT A CONSENSUS WHICH "WILL PROVIDE US WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF SOLVING THE PROBLEM AT THE ROOTS. IT IS OUR VIEW THAT THIS HAS BEEN THE OUTCOME OF THE VIENNA TALKS." WHEN THESE VIEWS ARE RECONCILED "WE CAN CONTINUE WITH THE TALKS ON THE BASIS OF THESE RESULTS." HOWEVER, HE ADDED, "THE GAP BETWEEN THE TWO IS NOT SMALL, BUT THIS DOES NOT MEAN AN AGREEMENT CANNOT BE REACHED. I BELIEVE BOTH SIDES WANT PEACE. THE TALKS MUST CONTINUE IN EARNEST."

ON THE SUBJECT OF TROOP WITHDRAWALS, HE SAID THAT THE TURKISH ARMED FORCES WOULD REMAIN ON THE ISLAND UNTIL A SOLUTION WAS FOUND. "THE TURKISH COMMUNITY COULD NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT TURKEY'S GUARANTEE... IN THIS WAY, THE INDEPENDENCE OF CYPRUS IS ALSO GUARANTEED."

C. AFTER HIS MEETING WITH DEMIREL AND HIS DEPUTY PRIMINS, DENKTASH STATED THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT OF TURKEY WAS IN COMPLETE AGREEMENT ON THE GENERAL APPROACH. DENKTASH, ANSWERING A QUESTION ABOUT THE GREEK CYPRIOTS' PERMITTING AMERICAN "SPY AIRCRAFT" TO REFUEL AT BRITISH BASES, SAID "THIS IS ANOTHER INTRIGUE OF MAKARIOS FOR HIS OWN INTERESTS AN INTRIGUE OF A MAN WHO PRESENTS HIMSELF TO THE AFRO-ASIAN WORLD AS NON-ALIGNED."

2. FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL TOLD THE PRESS ON MAY 5 THAT CYPRUS WAS A MULTILATERAL QUESTION AND THAT THE VIENNA TALKS WERE "A STAGE IN THIS MULTILATERAL MATTER. WE HAVE MADE A GOOD START. INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS ARE FOLLOWING A CONSTRUCTIVE TREND. THE COMING TALKS WILL BE EVEN MORE FRUITFUL. EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY NOT RESULT IN A FINAL SOLUTION, THEY CAN CONTRIBUTE GREATLY IN THIS DIRECTION." ANSWERING A QUESTION, CAGLAYANGIL SAID, "WE ARE NOT KEEN ON GIVING, NOR DO WE INTEND TO GIVE CONCESSIONS. IT IS OUT OF THE QUESTION TO GRANT CONCESSIONS."
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